

## WORST BLAZE IN PUTNAM'S HISTORY

Persistent Firebug Who Has Been Operating For Past Few Weeks Causes Loss of \$150,000

## TWO LARGE CONCERNS COMPLETELY WIPED OUT

**Wheaton Building and Lumber Company and Putnam Coal and Wood Company Heaviest Losers—Other Business Concerns and Owners of Dwellings Sustain Losses—Fire Set in Pile of Wood at Wheaton Plant—Aid Summoned From Webster and Danielson—\$5,000 Worth of Coal Destroyed—Four Families Burned Out of Homes.**

(Special to The Bulletin.)  
Putnam, Nov. 21.—Putnam was swept by the worst conflagration of its history Thursday night. The loss will not be less than \$125,000, and may reach \$150,000. This fire is the supreme effort of the firebug who has been working here for the past three or four weeks, and the city is dazed as a result of the ruin wrought tonight. A great part of the fire loss will be absorbed, for as far as could be learned at midnight the principal sufferers are only lightly covered by insurance.

**Lumber and Coal Plant Wiped Out.**  
The big plant of the Wheaton Building and Lumber company has been absolutely wiped out in the disaster, and the same is true of the valuable property of the Putnam Coal and Wood company, these two concerns bearing a loss jointly that will total \$100,000. In the big fire besides the properties mentioned, a new building owned by the Wheaton Building and Lumber company, three dwellings and a barn, also the property of E. M. Wheaton, were destroyed. While the fire was raging sparks were carried a mile north where at the limits of the city other dwellings were set afire and destroyed.

**Fire Discovered at 10:40 P. M.**  
The fire was discovered at about 10:40. The most tangible story of the affair that could be learned at midnight was given by E. M. Wheaton, by far the heaviest loser of all the sufferers. He said that upon coming up from his home at about 6:45 he noticed the plant and made a thorough inspection of every floor of the big four-story building in which his woodworking business was located. Everything was in perfect order and there was no sign of fire anywhere about the plant. At about 10:40 an employee of his who was passing along front street noticed a small blaze in the rear of the Wheaton property close to the railroad track.

**Pile of Wood Set Afire.**  
An immediate investigation showed that a little pile of wood had been set afire and that the flames were rapidly spreading. In almost inconceivable time the whole yard was wrapped in flames.

**Automatic Sprinklers of No Avail.**  
Mr. Wheaton said that the fine automatic sprinkler system which his plant was equipped with would be of no value in fighting back the flames, which were outside the zone of operation of the system. By the time the fire reached the big building the sprinklers were of no avail and when the flames reached the structure they ate it up as if it were cardboard. Mr. Wheaton bravely stands his loss, which will probably amount to \$75,000.

**\$5,000 Worth of Coal Destroyed.**  
E. M. Joslin of the Putnam Coal and Wood company places his loss at about \$18,000 to \$20,000, partly covered by insurance. He said that he had about \$5,000 worth of coal in his yard and this is practically destroyed. He also loses his sheds, though the office building was saved and about 200 feet of railroad track and trestle that cost him \$7,000.

**Other Concerns Burned Out.**  
Other business concerns that were burned out are the W. D. Case Slipper company, situated on the corner of E. Payne, confectionery store, \$2,000; the A. J. Warner post, G. A. R. Cavalry, A. M. E. church, Putnam nest of Owls, other fraternal organizations, families of Joseph, Band and Thomas Bromley, Wesley Ketter, Mr. Ducker and others.

**Aid from Webster and Danielson.**  
Immediately upon noting the proportions of the fire the local fire department asked for aid from Webster and Danielson and firemen and apparatus were rushed from these places, arriving about midnight. That hour the fire was under control, but still burning fiercely, and the other fire at the north end of the city was assuming startling proportions.

**Engines Removed from Roundhouse.**  
Every available bit of apparatus and every fireman and many citizens were used at the start in fighting the big fire, the only hope being that it would be confined within a certain area, which hope was realized. Up in the railroad yards, very close to the fire, locomotives were hurried out of the roundhouse and all the rolling stock quickly taken out of the danger zone. Streams of water were played on the big freight station and other property of the railroad company, all of which escaped injury, excepting some of the telegraph service wires which went down. Electric light circuits were cut by the firemen for protection's sake, and excepting for the flare of the conflagration the city was plunged in darkness.

**Sick Women Removed.**  
A peculiar incident of the fire, but one that necessarily demanded, was the removal from the second floor of two women, each of whom had been confined within three days, and their two little babies. How the shock will affect them could not be ascertained.

**Sparks Start Other Fire.**  
The mechanic street fire, a mile to northward of the big blaze, was caused by sparks blown high over the buildings in the intervening space by the intense heat. Two houses were destroyed here, one by fire in the roof and by water. The house and cottage destroyed are owned by George L. Prentice, as was the one damaged, which was occupied by his son, Harry E. Prentice.

**Four Families Burned Out.**  
At 2 o'clock this morning Mr. Prentice said he had discovered about 11:15 by someone who had discovered that the roof of his house was afire. "I took my bedding and got out," said Mr. Prentice, as he stood surveying the ruins of his home. Four families were burned out by the fire. Louis Thompson, who occupied the tenement over George L. Prentice, suffered a total loss, as he had no insurance, and the

same is true of Elbert Woodis, who lived in the cottage. Both of these houses were burned to the ground. Mr. Prentice estimated his loss at \$6,000, covered by about \$5,000 insurance.

**Water Pressure Falls.**  
One of the fire companies was detached from service at the big fire and sent up to fight the Mechanic street blaze, but the heavy tax on the water pressure so reduced it that the firemen could do little more than protect adjoining property.

**Out of Town Apparatus Arrives.**  
At 1:45 the General Putnam Steamer company of Danielson arrived and swung into position to make what looked like an all-night fight to keep the big fire under control. The Webster department also had men and apparatus on the scene at that hour and the proposition confronting the firemen was simply that of keeping a tight hold of the ground already gained.

**Railroad Men Protect Company's Property.**  
The big force of railroad men in the local yard did heroic work in protecting the company's property, which they saved only by desperate efforts. All the paint was blistered off one side of a locomotive while it was being used to run coaches and a coal car of sidings within a few feet of the fire.

The railroad men used the company's equipment in fighting to save the great freight shed and the bridge department and other buildings, all of which were badly scorched and threatening to blaze at any minute.

**Blaze Dying Down at 3 A. M.**  
From the local yard a special train was sent to Danielson and brought the steamer from that place here, while special engines were held at William H. Webster and Franklin, and all tracks kept clear to rush apparatus here from those places, which, however, was not done. The Webster aid to truck made the run overland. At 3 o'clock the fire was dying down, having eaten up everything in the area within which it was confined, excepting some great heaps of coal. At this hour, the thousands of the city's people who had been up all night began to drift towards their homes, stunned with the extent of the disaster that some human wretch had visited upon them.

## DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATION AT THE TRIAL OF GIBSON.

**Fisherman Re-enacts Scene After Finding Woman's Body.**

Goshen, N. Y., Nov. 21.—An attendant lay on the courthouse floor this afternoon at the trial of Burton W. Gibson for the murder of Mrs. Rosa M. Szabo and with judge, jury and counsel grouped around him, re-enacted an alleged scene from the tragedy of July 16, in which Mrs. Szabo lost her life at Greenwood lake. The attendant represented the lifeless form of Mrs. Szabo when it was drawn up from the bottom of the lake, two days after she met death.

Bending over him with flushed face was the fisherman, Thomas Garrison, who had brought the body to the surface. "I took the body so," said Garrison, grasping the attendant's shoulders, "I raised it this way. I put two blocks of wood under the head," illustrating with a cushion. "I twisted the neck round like this so that the face would be in front and not to the side as it was forced to turn. Then I pushed the head down," Garrison grasped the attendant's scalp and forced it downward and forward. "I should say the chin went down four inches, almost resting on the breast. I left it that way for eight hours and a half till the undertaker came."

Through this illustration the defense hopes to upset the state's entire contention that the organs of the dead woman's throat were forced out of position by strangulation. Medical experts for the defense are prepared to testify tomorrow that Garrison's treatment of the body was sufficient to have forced the tongue, palate and windpipe into the position in which the state claims they were found at the autopsy.

## PENSION OF \$25,000 FOR EX-PRESIDENTS.

**Carnegie Corporation Will Also Pay Pension to Their Widows.**

New York, Nov. 21.—Future ex-presidents of the United States are to be pensioned in the sum of \$25,000 each annually by action of the Carnegie corporation of New York today. The grant is provided for with the idea of enabling former executives of the nation to devote their unique knowledge gained in public affairs to the public good, free from pecuniary care. A similar amount is to be paid widows of ex-presidents so long as they remain unmarried.

The pensions are to be promptly offered to the ex-presidents or their widows as soon as application will be required from them. Payment is to be continued so long as the recipients remain unprovided for by the government.

The announcement followed the second annual meeting of the corporation, held at the residence of Andrew Carnegie here and attended by the corporation's eight trustees.

## THUG FIRED SHOT AT BRIDGEPORT CHINAMAN.

**Captured by a Pedestrian and Turned Over to Police.**

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 21.—Alexander Riley, age 23, walked into the laundry of Sing Lee in Main street this evening, pointed a revolver at the proprietor and demanded the money in the till. Sing Lee made a hasty exit out of the back door and Riley fired at him. When Riley attempted to escape later he was captured by a passerby and turned over to the police.

## Cabled Paragraphs

**Two French Aviators Killed.**  
Rheims, France, Nov. 21.—Two aviators were killed today, one, Andre Frey, at Rheims, and the other, sub-Lieutenant Laurent, at Etampes.

**Delegates from Philippines.**  
Manila, Nov. 20.—Manuel Quezon, member of the Philippine assembly, and Manuel E. Arzobu were elected today delegates from the Philippines to congress at Washington.

## Japanese Cruiser Launched.

Tokio, Japan, Nov. 21.—The Japanese armored cruiser Hiyel built at Yokosuka, was successfully launched today in the presence of the emperor of Japan. Her first keel plate was laid November 4, 1911.

## Russian Officers Warned.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 21.—Russian officers were warned today by the minister of war that idle gossip in regard to military preparations in Russia would render them liable to exclusion from the army.

## American Cruisers at Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, Nov. 21.—The United States cruisers Tennessee and Montana arrived here this afternoon. They are coaling preparatory to proceeding to Turkish waters for the protection of American citizens in the Ottoman empire.

## MUTILATED BODY FOUND, THREE ARRESTS FOLLOW

**Farmer and Factory Foreman Had Had Previous Trouble.**

Warsaw, N. Y., Nov. 21.—The mutilated body of Frank Bentley, 26 years old, foreman in a cheese factory at Union Corners, was found today in a shallow grave on a farm near the village of North Java. Althoese Prince, 35 years old, farmer and neighbor of Bentley, and Louis and Harry Webster, Prince's brothers-in-law, were held tonight by the sheriff in connection with the crime. Prince, who is married, had been seen by the sheriff, that he had had some words with Bentley over domestic affairs, but denies all knowledge of Bentley's death.

Saturday afternoon Bentley told Mrs. Alonzo Hicks, with whom he boarded, that he was going hunting, and that he would return before dark. It was shortly after this, Prince admits, that he met Bentley on the road and was asked by him to join in a hunting trip. Prince said he finally agreed to accompany him. He claims, however, that he left him shortly afterwards on the way to the Webster farm, where the sheriff believes Bentley was killed.

Last night William McKenize and John Shea found, eighteen inches below the surface the charred and mutilated body of Bentley. They chopped off just below the hips. Every particle of clothing had been burned off and portions of the body were charred and blistered. There was a great hole in the abdomen, the nose was broken and there was a wound over the right eye, all apparently made with some blunt instrument.

## GOMPERS CRITICIZED FOR SUPPORTING GOV. WILSON.

**Socialist Members of American Federation Voted Down.**

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 21.—An important feature of today's session of the American Federation of Labor convention at this city was the action of the committee on president's report, which has been pursued by President Gompers and other officials of the federation. The endorsement of a report after a lengthy debate, Delegate Max Hays, a socialist member of the radical wing, opposed the committee's report on the ground that during the last campaign President Gompers had through publications of the federation supported the democratic candidate for president and that in quoting plans favorable to labor from various political parties he had used quotations from the socialist platform. Several socialist members of the radical group supported Hays in his contentions.

## DEATHS IN JAMAICA WILL TOTAL OVER 100.

**Houses of American Colony at Montego Bay Badly Damaged.**

Kington, Jamaica, Nov. 21.—The official estimate of the dead in the hurricane and tidal wave which visited the western part of Jamaica places the number at more than 100 in the coastal towns alone. Details which are gradually coming in indicate great devastation in the western section, where sugar factories and buildings, almost without exception, were unroofed or wrecked and the banana fields recently planted were completely wiped out. Practically all the lighters, coasting sloops and small craft in the harbors of Green Island, Montego bay, Tunes and Savanna la Mar fourered and a large proportion of the crews were drowned. Many persons living in these towns lost their lives in the collapse of buildings.

The houses of the American colony at Montego bay were badly damaged but no casualties are reported.

## ADMITTED TRYING TO BRIBE A POLICEMAN.

**Thought It Was New York Style and Jury Acquitted Him.**

New York, Nov. 21.—Fabian B. McKinney's frank statement to a jury that he tried to bribe a policeman with money because he thought it was "the way they did business in New York" was followed by his acquittal today on a charge of bribing Patrolman Arthur Carmack, who was a member of the "strong arm" squad of Charles Becker, the police lieutenant sentenced to death for the murder of Gambler Herman Rosenthal.

"I thought money could do everything in New York," McKinney explained. "I gave the policeman money because I thought it was the regular thing to do. I had read in the country newspapers that that was the way they did business in New York."

The jury deliberated only five minutes before reaching its verdict to acquit McKinney from Waterbury, Conn.

## Farley Case to Jury.

Columbus, O., Nov. 21.—Both the state and the defense completed the introduction of evidence today in the first degree murder trial of Miss Cecilia Farley, the pretty state house legislator, who is charged with shooting Alvin E. Zollinger, an advertising solicitor, in a city park last May, and the case is expected to go to the jury some time tomorrow.

## Give Playground to Branford.

New York, Nov. 21.—Property to be used as a public playground and park is left to the town of Branford, Conn., under terms of the will of Dr. Frank J. Parker of this city, filed for probate today.

## Turkey Rejects Terms of Allies

## GRAND VIZIER DECLARES THEM "IMPOSSIBLE."

## FIGHTING IS RESUMED

**Hostilities Now Likely to Become More Active and Determined—Powers Likely to Keep Their Hands Off.**

London, Nov. 21.—The formal suspension of the eastern war proved only for a day. Turkey rejected the Balkan terms for an armistice apparently before the plenipotentiaries had time to come together at Hademkeul. Kimal Pasha, the grand vizier, declared that the allies' overtures were "impossible." He ordered the commander in chief to continue fighting "with the help of the Almighty until reasonable and moderate conditions were proposed."

This decision came as an utter surprise, and diplomats are not wholly convinced that the Ottoman troops will really take up arms again in the cholera stricken trenches of Tehtaltja.

## Extreme Demands by Bulgarians.

While the Bulgarian conditions—for Bulgaria is acting as the mouthpiece for the allies—were extreme, stipulating the surrender of Adrianople and Scutari, both of which strongholds are making an historic defense, as well as the cession of all the territory, except a narrow strip above Constantinople, these conditions were advanced as overtures, in other words they were apparently put forward as a basis for negotiations.

The powers treated them as an ultimatum and this perhaps is the Oriental method of beginning negotiations—designed to induce the enemy further to show his hand. A Balkan diplomat in London pointed out tonight that these terms were submitted merely as an answer to Turkey's pressing and repeated demands for an armistice and said:

## May Make Warfare More Bitter.

It is practically certain that their rejection will result in a more active and determined resumption of hostilities. Probably the allied troops will now refuse to treat with Turkey until they are in a position to dictate perhaps sterner terms in the capital of the sultan.

The negotiations thus far have been conducted through the Russian ambassador at Constantinople, but the Turkish ambassador at Berlin, Osman Nizami Pasha, was on his way to join his colleagues appointed to meet the Bulgarian representatives when the Turkish government's startling decision was telegraphed abroad.

## Powers Will Keep Hands Off.

Even yet it would seem that the Turkish officials have not abandoned hope that the powers will come to their rescue and attempt to arrange a compromise, but Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, announced so far as to arrange a general conference after the conclusion of the war. Their only agreement, so far as surface indications go, is to keep their hands off.

## Naval Engagement Reported.

European military officials consider the allies' terms harsh in one respect, that is, that they should concede to the garrisons of Adrianople and Scutari the right of marching out with the honors of war, which they have earned, instead of compelling an unconditional capitulation.

Two more chapters of the war are reported, a naval engagement off Vardar between the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh and two Bulgarian torpedo boats and the occupation of Florina by the Greeks. The Bulgarians report that they did great damage to and probably sank the cruiser. The Turks report that they sank two torpedo boats and that the cruiser was only slightly damaged.

## Turkish Rear Guard Cut Off.

By the occupation of Florina, which lies to the south of Monastir, the Greeks, according to the Athens reports, have cut off the rear guard of the Turkish army to the number of 20,000 retreating from Monastir.

## The Battle Resumed.

Constantinople, Nov. 21.—The battle at the Tehtaltja lines has been resumed. Cannonading was reopened with great violence this evening and is plainly audible here.

## QUESTIONS MAN'S RIGHT TO RULE OVER WOMEN.

**Dr. Anna Shaw Defies Them to Show Divine Authority for It.**

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—Opening their 44th annual convention here today, more than 800 delegates to the National American Woman Suffrage association went to historic Independence square, where an open air mass meeting was held. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, the national president, in discussing the Declaration of Independence, said that "it was not framed for Jew or Gentile, male or female," and that its framers had no idea of depriving women of their liberties and the right of suffrage.

"Women were deprived of this right long afterward by men with unscrupulous intent," she declared. Dr. Shaw added that if any man would show a warrant for the Almighty giving him the right to rule any woman without her consent she would send him to the platform and have nothing more to say.

## Lone Highwayman Gets \$1,000.

Claremore, Okla., Nov. 21.—A lone highwayman entered the back door of the State Bank of Foyil here today, and walked off with a thousand dollars. The thief mounted a horse and escaped to the woods.

## Roosevelt Leaves California.

Los Angeles, Nov. 21.—The district court of appeals handed down a decision in the election controversy today, which democratic leaders declare will place California in the Wilson column.

## Steamship Arrivals.

At Rotterdam: Nov. 20, Campanella, from New York.  
At Marseilles: Nov. 20, Roma, from New York and Providence.  
At Algiers: Nov. 21, Lacomia, from New York for Naples.

## First Edition Shakespeare Brings \$7300.

New York, Nov. 21.—A first edition Shakespeare quarto brought \$7200 at the Hoe library sale today. It was "The Famous History of Troilus and Cressida," printed in London in 1609, and bound in red levant. George D. Smith bought it.

Woodrow Wilson Carried Kansas by a plurality of 23,547 over Roosevelt.

## Condensed Telegrams

Charles D. Hilles yesterday resumed his duties as private secretary to President Taft.

Woodrow Wilson Carried Idaho in the recent election by 1,110 votes, according to the official count.

Captain Porter of the Secret Service announced that counterfeit \$10 certificates are in circulation in Chicago.

Morris & Co. Have Established a free dental parlor for employees in the stockyards of the company in Chicago.

The Trial of John Schrank, charged with attempting to kill Col. Theodore Roosevelt, will be proceeded with today.

The Red Cross yesterday received \$3,000 from various sources for the relief of the sufferers in the Balkan war.

Mrs. Hetty Green, wealthiest woman in America, celebrated her 78th birthday yesterday by attending strictly to business.

Prof. William E. Chandler, an organist and a musical composer of note, is dead at his home at New Haven in his 74th year.

William Galloway of Waterloo, Ia., will present President-elect Wilson with a \$5,000 cow registered under the name of Nona of Ayon.

United States Senator George T. Oliver of Pennsylvania is a patient at Johns Hopkins hospital, undergoing treatment for kidney trouble.

Theatrical Managers in Paris have conceived the idea of painting the ballet dancers' legs instead of putting them in tights. The girls are objecting.

The New Baptist Bible has just been issued in New York. The style has been modernized. Jonah's whales have become a "great fish" and hell the "underworld."

Hunting Accidents in the West have exceeded all records. In Wisconsin alone 13 hunters have been killed and 10 seriously injured. Michigan reports many more casualties.

Nearly Three Hundred sole leather workers employed in eight large shoe factories at Lynn, Mass., struck yesterday in an effort to enforce demands for an advance in pay.

Enraged Because a Touring Car had run over his dog at Erie, Pa., Lloyd Pastoring fired both barrels of a 12 gauge shotgun at the occupants and riddled three with birdshot.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company at the meeting of the directors held in New York yesterday declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2 per cent.

The Operator in the Tower at Derby Junction, N. E. Lehigh, has been found to have been responsible for the wreck on the New Haven road Tuesday morning by Supt. R. D. Fitzmaurice.

On a Charge That he was responsible for the death of Israel Sarkey at Fitchburg Nov. 16, Engineer Ervin Conrad of a Boston and Maine express train was arrested at Boston yesterday.

The Statement That Rev. Dr. H. Percy Silver of Topeka, recently elected bishop coadjutor for Kansas, was divorced two years ago by an Omaha court, is denied by the officials there.

Baron Alphonse de Rothschild of Vienna and Miss Clarice Sebag-Montefiore of London were married in the latter city, thus joining the two wealthiest Jewish families in the world.

Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, dean of the senate, will celebrate his 83rd birthday today by attending the wedding of his granddaughter, Miss Eleanor Cullom Higley, to Dr. Henry Pickering Parker.

Senator Works of California will introduce a resolution when congress convenes for the amendment of the constitution providing for the election of president and vice president by direct vote of the people.

Fifty Years a Member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, Herbert L. Bridgman, according to the Peary Arctic club, was presented with a silver loving cup last night by the Psi Upsilon club of New York.

Jack Johnson, Champion Heavyweight pugilist, yesterday received permission from United States District Judge Carpenter to file demurrers to the five charges of violating the Mann white slave act pending against him.

Edwin S. Thomas, treasurer of the state democratic committee, filed his report in the office of the secretary of state yesterday. He states that he received \$11,901.23 and expended \$12,463.87, leaving a deficit of \$562.64.

Walter C. Dwyer of White House, S. D., and Bertha M. Dwyer of Gardner, Mass., who were divorced ten years ago, after nine years of married life, were remarried at Suffield Wednesday night by Justice of the Peace Joseph Barr.

A Priest and Twenty Firemen were overcome by smoke from a fire which yesterday destroyed the interior of St. Jean Baptiste church, the largest French Catholic edifice in Lowell, Mass. The financial loss is estimated at \$150,000.

The Residence of City Engineer Samuel W. Hoyt, Jr., of South Norwalk, was entered by burglars Wednesday night and valuable diamond rings, other jewelry, clothing and silverware to the amount of several hundred dollars were stolen.

After Listening to the Stories of nine young girls, Clyde B. Ambrose, a special investigator for the department of justice, who has been investigating white slave cases, caused the arrest of Arthur Shank, 47 years old, chief engineer of the government pumping station at Rosslyn, Va.

## Less For War Mares For Roads.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 21.—At the closing session of the Southern Appalachian Good Roads convention here today, resolutions introduced by Congressman John L. Burnett of Alabama, were considered, proposing that the government spend less money on the building of warships and the maintenance of the army and more on the construction of public roads.

## Jews Seek U. S. Protection.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—The United States government today was asked to take action to protect Jews in Turkey against slaughter by the Greek conquerors. The appeal was made by Adolf Kraus, international president of the B'nai B'rith.

Steamers Reported by Wireless. Siasconset, Mass., Nov. 21.—Steamer Adriatic, Liverpool for New York, 362 miles east of Sandy Hook at 1 p. m. Dock 12:30 p. m. Friday.

## Prosecution is To be Criminal

**IF THE GOVERNMENT ACTS AGAINST RAILROADS.**

## TO EXAMINE RECORDS

**Special Agent of Attorney-General to Determine if Law is Violated by Grand Trunk-New Haven Agreement**

Washington, Nov. 21.—Attorney General Wickersham probably will complete his preparations for an extensive direct investigation of the proposed traffic agreement between the Grand Trunk railway of Canada and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at a conference here tomorrow with United States Attorney Winsor of New York and Assistant Attorney General Adkins, who has charge of the inquiry.

## To Examine Books and Records.

At the conclusion of the conference it is expected that William H. Bennett, a special agent of the department of justice, will leave Washington for New York and New England to examine the books and records of the two companies, to determine whether their proposed arrangement will destroy competition between them in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

## Prosecution Will Be Criminal.

It developed today that in case the department of justice ultimately moves against the roads, the action in all probability will be in the nature of a criminal prosecution. Officials are unable to see where could be accomplished a civil suit, because the federal government could not force the Grand Trunk to complete the extensions said to have been abandoned in southern New England.

## To Avoid Granting Immunity.

One reason for the abandonment for the time being of the plan to develop the situation by means of a grand jury inquiry at New York was, it is understood, that the testimony before a grand jury under subpoena would grant immunity to the witnesses, a case violation of law was shown. It is the desire of the department of justice to grant immunity to no one unless necessary. President Mellen of the New Haven